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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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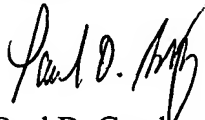
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Respectfully submitted,



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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	3,556,138	1/19/71	D'Urso	137	525.1	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	1,109,095	1/20/56	France	14	6		X
	1,027,609	5/13/53	France	5	3		X
	669,967	1/17/66	Belgium				X

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